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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT ATROCITIES

1. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS FOR PAST THREE DAYS HAS HEADLINED STORIES ALLEGED GREEK ATROCITIES, WITH GRUESOME PICTURES OF MASS GRAVES CONTAINING BODIES WOMEN AND CHILDREN. UNFICYP VISITED ALOA (SMALL TURK CYPRIOT VILLAGE NEAR FAMAGUSTA) AND VERIFIES AT LEAST FIVE RECENT DEAD BURIED IN SHALLOW GRAVE OUTSIDE TOWN. UNFICYP SUGGESTED EXPERT EXAMINATION BE CONDUCTED, TURKS REPLIED THEY WOULD CARRY OUT OWN INQUIRY. THEY NOW CLAIM 57 RPT 57 BODIES UNEARTHED FROM THIS SITE.

2. IN AUGUST 19 PRESS CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT CLERIDES ACKNOWLEDGED MURDER SIX TURK CYPRIOT CIVILIANS IN PAPHOS DISTRICT; CONDEMNED THIS AS "HIDEOUS AND MONSTROUS ACT".

3. RUMORS ARE FLOATING AROUND TURKISH COMMUNITY CONCERNING MASS MURDERS IN OTHER PARTS OF ISLAND. UNFICYP HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING CHECK OUT BUT HAMPERED BY MASS DISLOCATION OF POPULATION. MANY

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SMALL VILLAGES ON BOTH SIDES TOTALLY EMPTY WITH NO INDICATION

AS TO FATE OF FORMER INHABITANTS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE FATE LARGE NUMBER CYPRIOTS UNKNOWN, AND
GIVEN CERTAINTY THAT SOME ATROCITIES HAVE TAKEN PLACE, DOUBT
IT POSSIBLE REMOVE THESE STORIES FROM FRONT PAGES IN
NEAR FUTURE. CONTINUATION WILL NOT HASTEN PROCESS OF
NEGOTIATION. BROWN

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